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Dear Sir:

Applicants appreciate the finding of the pending claims to be allowable. In the Reasons for Allowance accompanying the Notice of Allowability, the Examiner quoted Claim 1.

Applicants note that not all claims recite all limitations of Claim 1. For example, not all claims recite that "the first and the second reactor blocks are configured to surround a substrate with gas cushions to suspend the substrate between the first and the second reactor blocks upon assembly of the first and the second reactor blocks in the reactor and upon retention of the substrate therebetween." Thus, Applicants assume that, pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 1302.14, the Examiner has stated some, but not all, of the reasons for allowance of the claims and that, as a result, the statements discussed above do not necessarily relate to or completely set out the

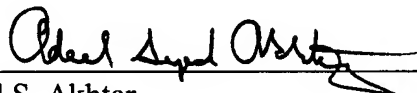
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- reasons for allowance of each and every claim.

Respectfully submitted,

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